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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 21, 27 and 29 as follows:

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21. (Amended) A system for generating financing packages for a customer purchase of a product from a dealer's inventory of a plurality of products, the system comprising:

- a database for storing information related to each product in the dealer's inventory including a dealer cost associated with each product;
- a user terminal associated with the dealer adapted to receive information about the customer; and
- a server having access to the data in the database adapted to communicate with the user terminal over a network, whereby the financial information about the customer may be transmitted to the server, the server being configured to generate a financing package for each product in the dealer's inventory and transmit financing terms for each financing package to the user terminal via the network for presentation to the user.

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27. (Amended) A method for providing financing toward the purchase of a product by a customer from a merchant, the method comprising the steps of:

maintaining an inventory database of the merchant's products;

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